

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Regular Commission Meeting
February 15, 2016

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, February 15, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland. The audience joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Phillip Roland, Vice Mayor Kristine Petersen, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Sherida Ridgill and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez.

Personnel Present: City Manager Al Perry, City Clerk Shari Howell, City Attorney Charles Schoech, Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil, Community Development Director Travis Reese, Police Chief Don Gutshall, Public Works Director Sean Scheffler, Recreation Director Lance Ramer, Utilities Director Danny Williams, City Engineer Tommy Perry and Scott Jones and Karen Moore.

Visitors Present: Michael Atkinson, Raoul Bataller, Asa Godsey, Betty Godsey, Ardis Hammock, Alan Hammock, Bianca Ross, Asa Godsey, Christine Howell, Laura Smith and Libby Williams.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. Consent Agenda

- A. *Commission Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2016 (normal workshop scheduled on Thursday, January 21, 2016 was canceled).*
- B. *Event Application – Sugar Festival - March 18– 19, 2016*
- C. *Approval of Proclamation for Sugarcane Farmers Appreciation Week – March 14 – 20, 2016.*
- D. *Approval of Surplus Equipment*

Vice Mayor Petersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve the consent agenda. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION - PROCLAIMING MARCH 14 – 20, 2016 AS "SUGARCANE FARMERS APPRECIATION WEEK", ACKNOWLEDGING THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS SUGARCANE FARMERS MAKE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON AS WELL AS THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

City Manager Perry read a proclamation recognizing March 14 – 20, 2016 as Sugarcane Farmers Appreciation Week. The Commission acknowledged the 2016 Sugar Festival had been dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hammock and family.

ORDINANCE

- 2. Ordinance No. 2016-01 – First Reading** - Ordinance No. 2016-01 amends Article VI, Chapter 110 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Supplementary District Regulations" of the City Code; providing for enactment of new sections 110-530 and 110-531, entitled residential/commercial development and improvement; land use residential/commercial. – City Manager Perry read Ordinance No. 2016-01 by title. It was acknowledged this ordinance addressed clothes lines and indoor/outdoor furniture.

Vice Mayor Kristine Petersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve Ordinance No. 2016 on first reading and set the public hearing for March 21, 2016. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

RESOLUTION

3. **Resolution No. 2016-02** – Resolution 2016-02 supports the Rural Promise Zone Application for Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. City Manager Perry read Resolution No. 2016-02 by title.

Vice Mayor Petersen made motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 2016 -02. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Approval to partner with Southwest Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) for submission of an application to ArtPlace America** - The SWFRPC will submit a project proposal (grant), at no cost to the City, to ArtPlace America for an art project entitled "Painting with Sunlight" which would provide the placement of a solar powered art project in Clewiston.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Petersen, to partner with the Southwest Regional planning Council (SWFRPC) and to authorize the City Manager to compose a letter of support, along with a statement expressing the City would control the graphics included with the project at all times. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

5. **Approval of final payment for West Boat Basin Drainage Project** – City Manager Perry explained Scott Jones with Johnson-Prewitt and Associates had acknowledged this project is complete and satisfactory and recommends issuing final payment of \$3,148.75 to LCCI Construction. While not related to the final pay request for LCCI Construction, it was noted sod had been installed in the boat basin area as part of the boat basin improvement.

Vice Mayor Petersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve issuing final payment of \$3,148.75 to LCCI Construction for the West Boat Basin Drainage Project. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

6. **Update on Code Enforcement** – Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil addressed the Commission stating since the Commission meeting, Code Enforcement opened fifty-five (55) new cases, resolved twenty-seven (27), referred out two (2) cases and conducted nineteen (19) rental inspections. Ms. McNeil explained the two (2) cases referred out were forwarded to other entities or City departments for compliance. Commissioner Gardner inquired about outstanding code enforcement liens. City Attorney Schoech said staff was in the middle of researching and would plan to ask the Commission to foreclose on each property as research was completed. Commissioner Ridgill requested staff present the International Maintenance Code to the Commission.
7. **Departmental Monthly Activity Reports** - Presented for information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments at this time.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER – City Manager Perry thanked David's Carpentry and Concrete, Jack Davis, Direct Industrial Products and Donnie Hughes for their resources and work provided for the Veterans Memorial in the Civic Park. Commissioner Gardner added she was glad to see some of the historical aspects of our City going into the park.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY- none.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION – Commissioner Ridgill stated the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Regional Council was holding a public meeting for the City's Main Street Revitalization Plan for the downtown/U.S. 27 corridor. The meetings will take place at the Clewiston Inn's Sugar and Spice Room on Friday, February 26, 2016 between noon and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 27, 2016 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Staff confirmed Ms. Wuerstle had stated these dates were definite and if need be she would schedule an additional meeting should she not get enough public involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Phillip Roland, Mayor

Shari Howell, City Clerk